

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the telephone interview on January 30, 2006. During the interview, Applicant presented a proposed amendment substantially the same as above. It is Applicant's understanding that the above amendment would place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 13-20 are allowed and that claims 22-24 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 9 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 22 and 24. Claim 14 has been amended to address an informality pointed out by the examiner.

Claims 22-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer since these claims were either incorporated in independent claim 9 or made redundant by the amendment. No new matter has been added.

Having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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